

In the Drawings:

Fig. 9, taken from U.S. Patent No. 6,490,470, is being added as shown in the sheet attached hereto.

Remarks

Applicant has clarified the claim of benefit of the filing date of U.S. Patent 6,490,470, and noted application 10/295,468, a divisional of U.S. Patent 6,490,470 which was pending when the present application was filed on September 26, 2003, and later issued as U.S. Patent 6,633,774 on October 14, 2003.

Applicant submits that the present application 10/672,137 is entitled to the June 19, 2001 filing date of 09/884,766 which is now U.S. Patent 6,490,470, due to the copendency of 10/672,137 to 10/295,468 to 09/884,766, and due to the common disclosure that can be found in U.S. Patents 6,490,470 and 6,633,774 and incorporated by reference into the present application.

Applicant has amended the specification to incorporate the text from U.S. Patent 6,490,470 at col. 6, lines 15-49 which describing Fig. 5 of that patent, and has amended the drawings to include a new Fig. 9 which is adapted from Fig. 5 of U.S. Patent 6,490,470. As this amendment merely incorporates material previously incorporated by reference in the opening paragraph of the application, Applicant submits that no new matter is being introduced.

Applicant has amended the claims to present claims directed to the embodiment of a combined ultrasound - TACT scanner. Applicant has canceled all claims previously of record and submits that the newly submitted claims define over the Examiner's cited art.

Applicant is submitting herewith a petition to revive this application and to enter this response to the outstanding Office Action. If a petition for extension of time is necessary to complete this communication, please consider this paper a petition for such an extension of time, and apply the appropriate extension of time fee to Deposit Account 23-3000. If any other

charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit

Account 23-3000.

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